From the Principal

Dear Parents,

PYP Community Evening
We hope everyone has Thursday 19th March in their diaries to attend our annual PYP evening. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their classroom environments with their parents. It also provides parents with some additional insights into aspects of the PYP program at Seabrook. The program starts with the preps at 5:00pm and concludes at 8.00pm with year 6 children sharing. Refer to page 2 for further details.

REMINDER
Parents are reminded Monday is a public holiday. The school will be closed.

NEW SHADE STRUCTURE
It is with great thanks to our community for supporting our fund raising efforts as we are now ready to commence our next project. We are delighted to now be able to afford a permanent all-weather structure over our adventure playground. The structure will allow classes to use the equipment and play space in both hot and wet weather. It will also provide a shaded area for parents to wait at the end of the day. We are hoping for the work to take place over the term 2 break and be ready for the children’s return to use for the remainder of the year and onwards.

All fundraising efforts, including the Entertainment Book, walk-a-thons, chocolate drives, etc. and voluntary levies paid by families that have helped contribute to the cost and installation of the structure amounting to approximately $50,000. Thanks also to the fundraising committee for their perseverance and preparation of these events.

Our next fund raising events will also be put back into making improvements in the grounds. We hope parents will help with organising at least one of the events and support our endeavours to save towards our next major project.

EVACUATION DRILL
Seabrook will be holding an evacuation drill on Tuesday 17th of March. A siren will be sounded and children, staff and visitors will be involved in the drill. We are seeking to continually improve our safety processes.

COMMUNITY WATCH
We are asking our families over the weekends to keep a look out for unwanted visitors. Quite often we have young people coming into the school climbing on the roofs and bouncing on the sun shade structures particularly on The Robbins side of the school. As you walk or drive by and see intruders abusing our school property please ring the police on 000. Our shade sails are in danger of being ruined yet again by these thoughtless teenagers.

CURRICULUM DAY
School Council has approved Monday April 13th to be used as a staff curriculum day. No children are required at school on this day. This is the first Monday of term 2. Teaching staff will be working on reviewing the Primary Years Programme and classroom support staff will be undertaking training in speech and language courses.

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All editions of our newsletters have the students first name and their initial of their surname, this is to provide personal security on the web.
PARKING INSPECTORS AT SEABROOK
Hobson’s Bay Council officers will be in attendance around the school to help remind parents to respect the local
neighbourhood property, pedestrians and other drivers. This comes in response to repeated complaints from our
parents and community members regarding unsafe and selfish driving and parking habits. The officers have the
ability to issue fines.

SWIMMING
The Werribee divisional swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 12th of March. Seabrook has 26 swimmers
entered for events following their individual successes last month. We wish them all a very successful meet.

Have a good week.

Sue & Staff

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Continued report from Susan Lee & PYP Community Night

PYP COMMUNITY NIGHT
THURSDAY 19TH OF MARCH
5:00pm-8:00pm

Learn more about the Primary Years Programme at Seabrook. See your children share their learning experiences through
presentations, songs and work.

Prep  5:00pm – Learner Profile  
Year 1  5:30pm – Attitudes
Year 2  6:00pm – Artefacts and International Mindedness
Year 3  6:30pm – Transdisciplinary Themes
Year 4  7:00pm – Concepts
Year 5  7:30pm – Transdisciplinary Skills
Year 6  7:30pm – Leadership in Action

Other Events
- Art rooms will be open for gallery viewing.
- Italian mask parade for Carnevale in the courtyard at 6:30.
- BBQ in the courtyard.
- Games on the Oval.
This term the Grade Three students have been Inquiring into the PYP Transdisciplinary Theme of How We Express Ourselves. We have been investigating the Central Idea that Literacy Has an Impact on our Lives, using the key PYP Concept of Perspective as a lens to consider how we decode, make meaning and communicate in the twenty first century using various Modes of Literacy.

There are five Modes of Literacy:
Audio, Gestural, Language, Spatial and Visual

We have been doing our research as to how we actually learn through each Mode of Literacy. 3EV have found some interesting details about each of the Modes!

Audio - “You use your ears to listen to music” ~ Penny
Gestural - “Gestural is your feelings, emotions, reactions and body language” ~ Christopher
Language – “People speak different languages and we can learn how to speak their language. Also it means reading and writing” ~ Mischa
Spatial – “The space around us and the world” ~ Alicia
Visual – “We use our eyes to see what we are doing. We can watch tv and movies.” ~ Eshani

To enhance our learning into our Inquiry topic, Grade 3 students have watched “Paper Planes” Have a go at the ‘Flying Fun with Paper Planes’ activity which ties into the movie!
Good Luck! Happy flying!

Kindest Regards
Miss Erin and 3EV!
Over the past few weeks, students from 3RB have been inquirers and thinkers while learning about the four modes of literacy: audio, language, gestural, visual and spatial. They have shown cooperation and confidence in understanding how we learn through a variety of modes in the 21st century and how literacy learning is enhanced by the use of technology.

**Audio Mode** of literacy is related to learning through listening such as hearing the news on the radio or music on iPods.
Marc, Kristian

**Language mode** of literacy includes reading a book, writing a story and learning another language such as Italian or Mandarin.
Naza, Nadine, Emma, Feier, Katharine

**Gestural Mode** involves using gesture to communicate our ideas. It is connected with using body language. People around the world greet each other using a variety of gestures. For example bowing, handshakes, kissing and hugging. Greetings differ depending on cultures. A strong firm handshake is important in Western countries and in business situations. In Turkey handshake is a form of bargaining.
The symbol ‘A- OKAY’:
An ‘A-okay’ symbol can be done in three different ways. The symbol ‘A’ OKAY in America means worthless in France and money in Korea and Japan
Hayley, Summer, Bridget

**Spatial Mode involves** using space such as the architecture of buildings. Knowing 3D and 2D shapes is also a part of Spatial mode. Reading maps is another example of using spatial mode.
Samadhi, Komal, Simran

**Visual Mode** of literacy is used when:
- we learn through watching something such as a documentary of the human brain.
- when a story is told using pictures.
- when data is communicated through Graphs.
We have been very enthusiastic and confident in using Mac Books to graph the favourite mode of literacy in 3RB.
Kade, Hadi, Scarlet, Taylah
For the past couple of weeks the year fives have been inquiring into, 'Our thoughts and actions affect the way we feel.' Students have focused their learning into composing autobiography's and reflecting on valuable learning experiences. Students have shown commitment and enthusiasm towards our first unit of inquiry.

**Guest Speaker**

It occurred on the 18th February 2015. Our guest speaker was Mr Cochran. It was held in the BIR building. Mr Cochran was providing us with more extensive knowledge on our inquiry, which is "Our thoughts and action affect the way we feel". He was talking about how there are some very positive emotions, but sometimes you can also feel down. Mr Cochran was explaining various ways for us to get better if we’re feeling depressed. One of his examples to show the ups and down of life was drawing a rollercoaster. There was a guest speaker because it’s engaging when you’re listening to someone’s different perspective. Mr Cochran was also there because it’s easier to learn from a different person’s experiences of a given topic. Mr Cochran assisted us to acquire and gain some new knowledge that we haven’t learnt. He gave more information to go deeper and think further into our inquiry. Mr Cochran taught us a lot of things that are vital and important in life.  

By Sophie B

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**Monique’s Autobiography**

It was a cold winters night on the 17th of July 2004, when I was born. My parents gave me the name Monique Catherine G. I was a light baby with the weight of seven pounds and fourteen ounces and very happy and healthy. I was not the only child; I had a sister three years older than me named Grace.

Three hundred and sixty one days later I was no longer the youngest child. I didn’t feel left out when my younger sister was born because I was still adorably cute for my age and everyone loved me. My younger sister Abbey and I were not always similar but we looked so cute together in photos. Abbey loved to eat as a baby and I loved to sleep as a baby and I still do.

As a young child my favourite thing was my dummy. I would never go anywhere without it, and when I did things got a little out of hand. I drove my parents mental with my dummy but they were relieved when they were able to put the dummy in my mouth and shut me up. After many more years with my beloved dummy I finally gave it up at the age of four.

When I was only three we owned a small car. Whenever we tried to go somewhere the lock would always play up. One day when we were going to get Grace from kindergarten my mother went to put me in the back seat (in my booster seat). As she was doing this she threw the keys onto the front seat. She then shut the back door and went to the drivers seat. As soon as she shut the back door the lock started to play up again. My mum freaked out because she had left the keys on the front seat. She called up the RACV and they called the police. She also called my dad. As my mum waited for everyone to show up she kept me calm and entertained. After a while no one showed up and I was starting to sweat. It started to get worse as I began coughing and white foamy stuff started to come out of my mouth. As soon as my mum saw this she freaked out and grabbed a rock and threw it in the window to get me out. A few moments later the RACV, police, ambulance and fire brigade showed up. They checked me to see if I was OK and they cleaned up my mums arm because it was bleeding from when she threw the rock at the window. She still has a scar from when she smashed the window to this day.

As years went on I started kindergarten and then school. I still remember going on amazing holidays with my family. I’ve been to Queensland, New Zealand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Adelaide and Sydney. I will never forget how much effort my parents put into taking us to all these wonderful places from when I was a toddler. I still remember all the memories of my sisters and my parents.

I have many hobbies and one of them is athletics. I recently made it to state for 800m for School Sports Victoria. I just missed out on a spot for team Victoria. I love doing athletics and I have also made many friends. Another one of my hobbies is playing the piano. One Christmas I received a keyboard from my parents because I asked them if I could start playing the piano. I had to start on the keyboard and when I was ready I could start playing on a piano. After many years of practice I was able to get a piano. I knew if my parents were going to buy me a piano I would have to keep on going on with it so I decided I was going to stick with it. To this day I still play piano and soon I will be doing my piano exams.

As you can tell I have had many wonderful experiences throughout my life. I hope to continue to progress throughout my childhood.

Throughout writing this autobiography I found it a little hard to put my ideas into detail but after a while it got easier to write about my many experiences. I realised that I was very lucky to experience some of these wonderful things. For instance I was very fortunate to go on all of those amazing holidays with my family. I found to my surprise that many people actually enjoyed listening to my autobiography, which I was very happy with. I am hoping that even more people will enjoy reading my autobiography as I worked very hard on it.

By Monique G
**Sports News**

**District Swimming Carnival**

Well done to all our students who competed in the Laverton District Swimming Carnival at Werribee Pool yesterday. We had close to 40 students compete and had some great results throughout the day. Many first, second and third placegetters across a range of events. There were 5 schools who competed: Seabrook, Altona Meadows, Altona Green, Queen of Peace and St. Martins.

We have about 15 students who have made individual events for the Divisional comp on the 12th March back at Werribee. Jade P (4 events), Sally B (3 events), Coco L (4 events), Tara K (3 events), Delta B (4 events), Georgia W (3 events), Olivia D (2 events), Johnathan CH (4 events), Steven W (4 events), Mia F (3 events), Sabareesh S (2 events), Jake P (3 events), Melvina A (1 event), Isabella R (1 event) and Ivy L (1 event). The following 11 students have qualified in a Freestyle relay event in their age group: Carson R, John M, Noah S, Basir ST, Archer N, Tyler A, Bashaar ST, Yee Suan L, Sophie M, Indusree T and Hayley P.

Well done to all 26 students and good luck at the Divisional Competition. Also well done to the following students for competing in an event or two on the day: Ray L, Zahra S, Vanessa H, Holly W, Clare S, Lauren S, Eloise D, Hayley C & Claudia T, Athena D, Alekzander E and Savindu K were selected to compete but were ill on the day.

A great team effort from all the students, Mrs Joyce (coaching), Miss Eason (helping at trials and on the day) and many parents for getting the kids to early morning training and helping with breakfast at school.

**District Sports Trials**

This week we have a range of District Trials that some students will be attending for AFL Football, Soccer, Netball, Basketball and the week after Tennis. These are the starting point that may eventually lead to making the State Team like Paul T and Josie E did last year in Basketball and Hockey. We wish these students well and hope a few of them can progress a level or 2 if not all the way to a State Team. Good Luck!

Blair Ganley

**Premier’s Active April**

Dear Parents/Guardian’s,

Active April is coming up commencing whilst students are on school holidays and we are encouraging families to register themselves during March and get more active during the month of April. You can find out how to register at www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/schools. You can then monitor how you are doing and print off certificates when you achieve a certain number of days in April. This is a great chance to get active with your family. Going for a walk with the dog, family bike ride or playing down at the local park are great ideas for the whole family to get involved, especially as the first couple of weeks involve the Holidays.

All participants will receive giveaways including 15% discount on purchases from Sportsmart, 10 Free passes to a YMCA or participating local government facility, a 2 for 1 ticket offer to Sea Life at the Melbourne Aquarium and be eligible for other prizes including 4 tickets to the 2015 AFL Grand Final.
Playground Improvements
Help Us Raise Money
We are always desperately trying to find parents to assist with fundraising and helping out. It would be fantastic if you could help even with one thing through the school year. To help out we have put together some dates of when we know we will need assistance. Other dates may come up depending on fundraising activities.

March 17th  Hot Dog Day Order COUNTING 9am-11am.
March 27th  HOT DOG DAY serving 9am - 2pm.
May 6th  Mother’s Day Stall SET UP from 1pm in north wing building.
May 7th  Mother’s Day Stall serving 8.30am - 11.30am.
June 19th  Count Sausages Orders 9am - 11am.
June 26th  Sausage Sizzle Day 9am - 2pm.
July 21st  Chocolate DeliDeliveries to class rooms.
September 2nd  Father’s Day Stall SET UP 1 pm North wing building.
September 3rd  Father’s Day Stall serving 8.30am to 11.30am.
September 8th  HOT DOG day Order COUNTING 9am - 11am.
September 18th  HOT DOG DAY serving 9am - 2pm.
We can be found in the school kitchen/science room behind room 7. It’s really important to help with fundraising to raise funds for the school for new projects. If you would like to help specifically on the fundraising committee please put forward you expression of interest to the office or by sms to Kym 0408 764537.
We also need helpers every Thursday morning for the school banking team and also the Second Hand Uniform Shop on Thursday Afternoons.

Schoolpix will be visiting on Thursday the 16th April. More details to come in the following weeks.

New payment envelopes with credit card payment option. Please tick the credit card box on the front of the envelope and then fill in your details on the inside of the envelope.

Caltex is supporting Seabrook
This is a promotion we are doing with Caltex (next door to the school) as part of our fundraising efforts.

This pamphlet can be taken into the Point Cook Road service station to get 1% off fuel and 5% of store items, as many times as you like before expiry at the end of March 2015.

The discount on your purchases of fuel and goods will go to our school.
We have the ability to earn $1000 for the school by the end of this month, however an extensions is likely.

We hope you will take advantage of this offer. We have been told your Seabrook Skoolbag App can also be shown at time of purchase.

Thank you for supporting our local business and in turn our school.

Please retain your receipts and place them in the green Caltex box in the office area. Thank-you
**For your information**

**Basketball for Juniors**
- Boys & Girls aged 3 - 8 years
- Basic, skills based introduction to basketball
- Indoor sessions
- Modified equipment
- Ideal for beginners
- Age appropriate programs
- Parent help for 3 & 4 year olds
- BASKETBALL TO KEEP!

**Where**
Seabrook Primary School Gym,
83-109 Point Cook Road, Seabrook

**Starts**
Saturday the 18th of April
- 3 year olds - 9.00am to 9.45am
- 4 year olds - 9.45am to 10.30am
- 5 and 6 year olds - 10.30am to 11.15am
- 7 and 8 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm

**Cost**
$90 for 6 weekly sessions and a basketball for you to keep!

To secure your place, you MUST register by one of the following methods:
- Email - rego@getactivesports.com.au
- Phone - 1300 772 106
- Website - www.getactivesports.com.au

When registering, please let us know the location of your chosen program along with your child’s name, date of birth and a contact phone number.

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**Little River Country Fair 2015**

**Sunday March 15**
10am - 3:00pm

- Monster Auction
- Open Air Market
- White Elephant
- All Day B.B.Q. (Little River Lions Club)
- Devonshire Tea
- Animal Farm
- Games & Competitions
- Jams & Produce
- Bagpipes
- Dancing
- Face Painting

Little River Primary School
21 Flinders Street, Little River, Ph. 5283 1214

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**Let’s celebrate Cultural Diversity Week**

14 to 22 March 2015

Join in for a week of fun and free cultural activities in Horsham from 14 to 22 March 2015. The program has something to offer for everyone including cultural games, dancing, a multicultural market, activities for children and film screenings. Come along, meet your neighbours, talk about your culture and have fun.

Pick up your program from libraries and community centres or visit www.horsham.com.au
English Conversation Club 2015
Would you like to practice your English speaking skills in a relaxed setting and make new friends? Then join the English Conversation Club which is a great way to meet people and enjoy conversations on a range of topics.
The English Conversation Club is a weekly group for adults who speak English as a second language. Sessions are free, morning tea is provided, and everyone is welcome including children.
Every Monday from 2 March until 30 November (excluding school and public holidays)
10am to 11.30am
Laverton Community Hub 95-100 Railway Avenue

Single Parents Active Kids is running a massive Free Family Fun Day for Single Parent Families Sunday 15th of March at Logan Reserve in Altona, there will be a free BBQ, Entertainment, membership specials and most importantly like minded single parents and their kids to chat to and play with. We promote a minimum of 5 events every week, run lots of camps, like Anglesea, Warrnambool, Phillip Island, day trips to the snow at $70 per person and so much more, 10 camps/holidays every year. We run special events like Lion King, Wicked, Annie, concerts and so much more, and because your part of a large group most of what we do is at a discounted price, we have saved our members over $250,000 since 2011. Please for more info check out our website, http://www.singleparentsactivekids.org/
E-mail info@singleparentsactivekids.org or call Moush on 0430 504 119.
School Banking

School Banking - Wednesday
Well done to the 185 students who banked last week

School Banking day is Wednesday for all of the school except for the Preps until they commence fulltime on the week starting Monday the 16th March.
All banking wallets must be given to the teacher on Wednesday morning prior to the Commonwealth Bank class wallet being taken up to the office. It is NOT possible for the office staff to go through all of the grey classroom wallets to find a certain class and parents or student are not authorised to have access.
The School Banking volunteers are unable to process two deposits in one week, the Commonwealth Bank processing system does not allow this. If a book has more than one deposit slip filled out the deposits will be added up to make one deposit and only one token will be issued.
Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you are saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your deposit book each Wednesday. Thank you for supporting the School Banking Program

Do you have a school banking question or query?  Please email: seabrookschoolbanking@gmail.com
School Banking Volunteers
## SEABROOK TIMELINE

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### Italian Word of the Week

This week’s word is **“La maschera”**
Meaning - the mask
Pronunciation .... La musk - air- ra

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**Prescribed Medication Authority Form**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please be advised that if your child is required to take prescribed medication whilst at school a [MEDICAL AUTHORITY FORM](#) can be found on our Skoolbag App and the school website. This form should be filled out and signed off by your doctor before we can administer the prescribed drug.

Please Note: wherever possible, medication should be given outside the school hours, e.g. if medication is required three times a day it is generally not required to be taken at school: it can be taken before and after school and before bed.

If medication is to be administered at school the medication must be in the original packaging.

Should you have any questions/queries contact the Leadership Team.

Thank you for your support

Principal Susan Lee

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**2015 advertising prices for our weekly newsletter**

$5.50 including GST for a business card size advertisement

$22 including GST for a 1/4 page advertisement

Contact: Maureen Murphy on 9395 1758 or email: murphy.mary.d@edumail.vic.gov.au